



# City of San Juan Bautista

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### CITY MANAGER PROCLAIMS A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

Effective January 12, 2023, the City of San Juan Bautista is operating in a state of emergency in response to the recent winter storms. During the month of January, the City has already received close to 5 inches of rain with a flood warning expected for Saturday, and more rain anticipated next week.

Thus far, due to flooding, the City has evacuated 7 residents, closed, cleaned and re-opened San Juan Highway and the Alameda at Highway 156, removed two large trees at Verutti Park and managed to operate its wastewater treatment plant at full capacity for extended periods of time to equalize its treatment ponds and prevent overflows. Preparations for this weekend continue today, and all week.

This declaration will support the City's on-going response to the winter weather by allowing the City to quickly retain contractors to support its maintenance staff.

The County Office of Emergency Services with the support of Red Cross had opened its shelter at the Hollister Veterans Hall but for lack of demand it has been closed. If another larger evacuation is necessary in or near San Juan Bautista, the County OES and Red Cross are poised to open a local shelter as well.

The City is also able to provide residents with help managing debris on their properties. Please contact City Hall at (831) 623-4661 if you would like access these services.

**Staff is on emergency standby this weekend. If you need help or assistance after hours, (as always), please call the 24-hour hotline at (831) 902-0887.**

## RESOLUTION 2023-01

### A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, California Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency due to the atmospheric river that has brought (and continues to bring) excessive amounts of precipitation to the State, to support the ongoing response to the recent winter storms; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 11, 2023, San Benito County also declared a state of emergency to support ongoing response its efforts to the winter storms throughout San Benito County; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Juan Bautista Municipal Code Section 5-33-040 empowers the City Manager to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session, subject to ratification by the City Council within seven days; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 12, 2023, the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services (Municipal Code 5-33-030) proclaimed a state of emergency (attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and by this reference made a part hereof) in San Juan Bautista, to facilitate the City's response to the local state of emergency caused by the excessive winter storms; and

**WHEREAS**, conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City and continue to be threatened by additional forecasts of rain, beginning December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, continuing to the issuance of the Proclamation by the City Manager on January 12, 2023, at which time the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista was not in session.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the City Council does hereby find that the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril did warrant and necessitate the issuance of the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency which now exists throughout the City of San Juan Bautista.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said local emergency, organization of this City shall be prescribed in the Municipal Code Chapter 5-33, by Ordinances and Resolutions of the City, and approved by the City Council.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista hereby ratifies the Proclamation issued by the City Manager on January 12, 2023, and the local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista, State of California.

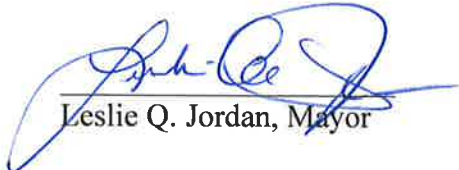
**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED** at a special meeting of the San Juan Bautista City Council held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Jordan, Freels, Freeman, Morris-Lopez, Sabathia

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None



Leslie Q. Jordan, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Elizabeth Soto, Deputy City Clerk

**PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE  
CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA CITY MANAGER RELATED TO WINTER STORM ACTIVITY,  
HIGH WINDS, EXCESSIVE PRECIPITATION, AND URBAN FLOODING**

**WHEREAS**, Section 5-33.040 of Chapter 5-33 entitled "Powers and Duties of the Director of Emergency Services" of the San Juan Bautista Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to persons and property within the City, including, but not limited to, those caused by flooding or storm conditions, and the City Council is not in session; and

**WHEREAS**, section 5-33-03 of the San Juan Bautista Municipal Code designates the City Manager to be the Director of Emergency Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services of the City of San Juan Bautista hereby finds that:

1. The severe winter storm activity, high winds and excessive precipitation throughout the State of California, the County of San Benito and the City of San Juan Bautista have created and continue to create situations of extreme peril to the safety of person and property within the City; and
2. On January 4, 2023, to support the ongoing response to the recent winter storm activity, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency due to the atmospheric rivers that have brought and continue to bring excessive amounts of precipitation to the State; and
3. On January 11, 2023, the San Benito County declared a state of emergency to support its ongoing response in its efforts to address the effect of winter storms throughout the County; and
4. Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City caused by storm activity and excessive precipitation including high winds, wind gusts, falling debris, downed trees, power outages, and urban flooding. There presently exists a local emergency, as further addressed in Governor Newsom's Proclamation of a State of Emergency dated January 4, 2023; and
5. The efforts required to prepare for, respond to, mitigate and recover from the winter storm activity and excessive precipitation have imposed, and will continue to impose, extraordinary requirements and expenses on the City, requiring diversion of resources from day-to-day operations; and
6. In addition to the above facts, conditions or threatened conditions caused by winter storm activity and excessive precipitation, commercial, private and public property are imperiled as are the City's residents, employees, and public safety workers, and same give rise to conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City; and
7. These conditions are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the City of San Juan Bautista; and
8. The City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED**, that a Local Emergency now exists throughout the City.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said Local Emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, existing ordinances and resolutions, the City's Emergency Plan, as well as this resolution and any subsequent emergency orders of the City Council in order to mitigate the effects of the Local Emergency.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED**, pursuant to the California Government Code, during the period of this emergency the following procedures and formalities otherwise required of the City by ordinance or other local regulation shall be waived, where strict compliance would hinder or delay the mitigation effects of the emergency:

1. Entering into contracts;
2. Incurring obligations;
3. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
4. Utilization of volunteer workers;
5. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and
6. Waiver of findings of a public purpose in support of the expenditure of public funds when in the public interest.

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that said Local Emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist for the next seven (7) days during which period the City Council shall take action regarding ratification of this Proclamation and thereafter until its termination is proclaimed by action of the City Council of the City.

1.12.23 4:30 pm  
Date and Time

  
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Don Reynolds, City Manager and  
Director of Emergency Services